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In re the Application of

Valérie CHEYNET-SAUVION et al.

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Docket No.: 104458

For: RNA-DEPENDENT RNA POLYMERASE FUNCTIONING PREFERABLY ON RNA MATRIX  
AND PROMOTER-DEPENDENT TRANSCRIPTION PROCESS WITH SAID RNA-DEPENDENT  
RNA POLYMERASE

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired October 17, 2001, an extension of time for a period of 3 month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 126894 in the amount of \$920.00 in payment for:

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